

The ripened fruit of Mission Study is correct knowledge of our Mission Work. Knowledge leads to enthusiasm, enthusiasm to prayer, and prayer to larger gifts of money, time and self.

It is as true today as when Hosea spoke the words: "My people perish for lack of knowledge." Do we believe it? Do we believe that Christian Missions is the only panacea for a world sick and staggering under a load of sin, ignorance, vice, superstition, idolatry and atheism. Then it behooves us to be up and doing. The Macedonian call is heard. Christian missions is the biggest subject in the universe, and it looms larger and larger upon our horizon. It challenges the best that is in us. It is the teachings of Jesus Christ and Him only which must finally settle all international affairs. Nothing else will keep them settled. Ours, then, is a mighty task, but we are a mighty people, and our God is a mighty God.

Let us, then, stress Mission Study this year as never before. Its possibilities are limitless. Equipment for best service lies only in an intelligent grasp of the situation, and this the study class supplies.

I beg you, then, in this our great Centenary year accept the work of Superintendent in your Auxiliary. Do not be afraid to undertake it. We learn by doing. We learn to speak by speaking, to write by writing, and thought finds language.

Again be willing to fail, if need be, for Jesus Christ's sake. A feeble effort will be followed by a better one, and by study and prayer this large opportunity for service may be a blessing in your life and in the lives of the women whose vision of life and God has been enlarged by your service in His name.

Again, we must stress publicity. What power there is in the printed page. We knew it of course all along, but it took the United States Government to send home the lesson. I ask you to look back on the publicity work of our Uncle Sam in the Liberty Loan and other campaigns and apply the lesson. And just as truly as publicity unlocked pocket books and turned billions of dollars into the nation's treasury, so also will it in our work create a new interest, arouse greater enthusiasm and inspire a deeper prayer life among our members and cause larger gifts to flow into our Lord's treasury. Surely it is one of our greatest opportunities. Let us then make larger use of the printed page and publish through the columns of church and secular papers what is being done through our organization for spreading the gospel, for the uplift of humanity, publishing the organized effort of the women of our church to give education to women and girls and to make it possible for them to live under conditions in which manhood and womanhood may be developed.

Reporting.

Again, I find it necessary to stress the quarterly reports. No matter how interesting your class or how up-to-date your methods, much of the force of your study is lost if you fail to report it through the proper channel.